

Revelation of the True Doctrine

The *Kyō-gyō-shin-shō*, the fundamental text of Shin Buddhism, is composed of six series, of which the first is the Book of Doctrine. The fact that it is placed in the first speaks not only of the importance of the Book of the Doctrine but also of its special mission to convey the essential significance of Shin Buddhism as it is revealed by Shinran Shonin the founder of Shin Buddhism. Therefore, it is in this book that we are to learn what Shin Buddhism is.

Shin Buddhism, to the present author's view, is the faith in the true doctrine whereby to live a full life. Of course faith is stressed in any religion; yet, it is not easy to find the pure and unmixed faith. How, then, can we attain the pure and unmixed faith? How can the pure and unmixed religion be established?

With this point in view, the present author has pursued the Book of Doctrine and come to know that the problem can be solved by the approach to the truth from two sides. In one side, it can be approached from the relation between *kyō* (教) which points at and *hō* (法) which is pointed at; and, in another, from the relation between *kyō* (教) which enlightens and *ki* (機) who are to be enlightened.

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